

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:175
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2005
BHARAT SHIKSHA KOSH
Mohite Shri Subodh;Yadav Shri Akhilesh

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to review the working of 'The Bharat Shiksha Kosh';
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any strategy to keep a tab on the source and end use of funds by IITs;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the total funds / donations / contributions received so far from abroad by the Kosh and spent for imparting better education, year-wise and scheme-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.175 ASKED BY SHRI AKHILESH YADAV AND SHRI SUBODH MOHITE REGARDING BHARAT SHIKSHA KOSH FOR REPLY ON 15.3.2005.

(a) & (b): The working of the Bharat Shiksha Kosh was reviewed and it was decided that the earlier instructions dated 21.2.2003 stipulating routing of the donations / grants from any external sources to all institutions / autonomous bodies / Public Sector Undertakings through the Bharat Shiksha Kosh may be withdrawn. Consequently, the aforesaid instructions were withdrawn on 27.7.2004.

(c) to (e): The Indian Institutes of Technology are fully funded by the Government of India. Before release of any grants to these institutions, the utilisation certificates are obtained for the grants released in the previous years. Their accounts are maintained as per guidelines issued by the Government and are also audited by the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. All funds received from external sources by IITs are also accounted for and audited by the CAG. The Accounts, duly supported by an Audit Certificate are also laid on the Table of both the Houses of Parliament.

(f): No donations / contributions have been received so far from abroad, directly by the Bharat Shiksha Kosh.